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The undersigned attorney appreciates the comments and suggestions of Examiner Fox during a telephone interview on May 1, 2007.

The undersigned attorney could not understand why the Amendment After Final dated April 16, 2007 was not entered since all the independent claims included the indicated allowable subject matter of allowable claim 12 or allowable claims 12 and 13.

In the May 1, 2007 interview Examiner Fox pointed out the combination of allowable claim 12 with independent claim 1 and independent claim 14 presented a new combination which presented new issues as noted in the Advisory Action. The presentation of these new issues required further consideration and was not consistent with a cursory review of the claims.

As a result it was suggested an incorporation of the allowable subject matter of claim 7 into claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 12 into claim 9 would be

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allowable since these combinations had been previously searched and considered. Consistent with this suggestion the allowable subject matter of claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 12 has been incorporated into claim 9. Consistent with the interview claims 7, 12 and 14 have also been canceled without prejudice.

The only other matter remaining is the correction of dependent claims 5 and 6 for a lack of antecedent basis. More particularly dependent claims 5 and 6 were amended to correct a lack of antecedent basis for, "the pressure," "the conveying fluid" and "the gap fluid."

It is believed the foregoing amendments place all of the claims in a condition for allowance consistent with the May 1, 2007 telephone interview which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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